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World Series trophy on display here Saturday

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The World Series trophy is coming to Bethel Saturday

— in style.

"It's good to be the trophy," said Les Otten. "It gets a better travel deal than most elected officials."

The touring trophy travels, often by private jet, with an entourage that includes a security guard, travel coordinator and scheduler. And — at least while the triumphal tour is in Maine — with Otten, the former owner of Sunday River Ski Resort, and currently a minority owner of the World Champion Boston Red Sox.

The Maine tour is a constantly evolving affair, he said. It was initially envisioned to stop only in Portland, but in the face of high demand, several other stops have been added.

The trophy is expected to arrive at Telstar at 6:30 p.m., after stops earlier in the day at Presque Isle, Bangor, Augusta and Lewiston.

It will be at the school for an hour, then move to the Phoenix House and Well restaurant in Newry, where it will be available for viewing until 10 p.m.

The viewing at Telstar will be set up so as to allow as many fans as possible to file by and have their picture taken with the trophy, Otten said — "So tell folks to bring their cameras, and be sure the batteries are fresh."

Otten said Tuesday he was unsure if any Red Sox team members would be in Maine Saturday, in part because of a conflict with a large card-signature show in Boston.

"Besides," he said, "the trophy is the most popular member of the team."

Owners of eyesore lots told to clean up by June or face legal action

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel selectmen are ratcheting up the pressure on property owners with unlicensed auto graveyards and junkyards.

Owners of four sites in town have been sent letters from the town attorney giving them until May 31 to clean the properties up or face legal action.

The action follows two earlier letters from Code Enforcement Officer Rich St. John, which did not result in satisfactory clean-up efforts.

The sites are the properties of Sidney Jones on Elm Street, Clayton Sweat on West Bethel Road, Clifford Hill on Songo Pond Road and Larry Smith, also on Songo Pond Road.

A fifth site contacted by St. John was cleaned up.

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Bethel officials call levy for sheriff's patrol unfair; consider legislative action

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Bethel officials are concerned that town taxpayers are paying too much for coverage by the Oxford County Sheriff's Department — coverage that in fact goes largely to other towns in the county.

It's not clear, however, that there's much local officials can do about the situation, at least in the short term.

Eight county municipalities, including Bethel, pay for their own police departments.

The other 29 towns and townships in the county do not, and instead receive their primary coverage from the OCSD.

But all 37 municipalities pay

the same level of county taxes (based on valuation), and this means that towns with their own police departments in effect subsidize coverage in towns that do not.

In Bethel's case that subsidy amounts to just under \$50,000 a year, according to calculations by Town Manager Scott Cole.

And that, the selectmen agreed last week, is basically unfair.

"It's a funding equity issue. We're being billed for something we don't get, and that doesn't seem right," Dutch

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Christmas For Children

The Bethel Rotary Club has raised \$7,700 so far toward its goal of \$12,000

To be used to purchase toys for needy boys and girls. Contributions will be accepted through Christmas and may be mailed to:

The Bethel Rotary Club
Christmas for Children
PO Box 471
Bethel, ME 04217

Requests for toys can be made up to December 20 at any SAD 44 school office, or mailed to the same address. All requests will be kept confidential.



TRAFFIC STOPPERS—Kevin Billings' elk are stopping traffic on Route 26 in West Paris this Christmas season. They're just what Santa ordered for local children who want to see "reindeer."

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

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Golden tones of the season



The bands and choruses of Telstar high and middle schools presented their annual Winter Concert Tuesday evening. Here, Tom Coolidge leads the TMS chorus. (More photos, page 15.)

Firemen battle the cold

By ALISON ALOISIO

While the rest of us have been busy wrapping presents this season, area firefighters are wrapping houses.

They're shrink-wrapping windows and insulating drafty spots in homes as part of the Operation Keep ME Warm program.

The statewide effort set a goal of installing energy conservation measures in 3,000 homes during the second week of December.

People who are clients of the LIHEAP program, which provides heating assistance funds, were eligible to receive help buttoning up

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'Reindeer' are Christmas attraction at elk farm



By ALISON ALOISIO

They're not reindeer, but at Christmas time in Maine, they'll do.

Kevin Billings' elk farm sits right on Route 26 in West Paris, and this time of year, he gets plenty of kids and families stopping to see the "reindeer."

He doesn't bother to explain the distinction, at least not during December.

"On the weekends, we'll get hundreds of people stopping," he said. That includes many individual families, and now that 'tis the season, even busloads of skiers.

Other groups turn up, too. A camera club recently stopped by to practice their animal photography skills, he said.

A tame bunch

There are a total of 35 elk on Deer Meadow Farm. Nine of them are males, the most prominent of which is an 11-year-old bull with a large rack. He goes by the name of "Big Boy."

Crescent Park School Presents:



When: Saturday, December 18, 2004
Where: Crescent Park School
Time: Shows at 2 & 7pm
Ticket sales at door.

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Letters

GATHER ROUND THE CLOCK

To the Editor:

Since 1998 when the Bethel Historical Society first started the New Year's Bethel celebration, it has evolved through suggestions and comments to its present state. This year there are other changes, including an increased focus on children's activities, a contra dance, and community bell ringing.

From the beginning, the event was always conceived to be a genuine community, family, and chem-free affair and still continues in that tradition.

The venues this year are all new except for the always-popular State Street Traditional Jazz Band with its emphasis on authentic New Orleans jazz. Those who attended last year will undoubtedly recall the exceptional young trumpeter who made such a remarkable addition to this already outstanding band.

New venues this year include Michael Cooper, visual artist and mime; Norbert Twichell, Maine humorist; Bohemians, father and daughter duo playing everything from bluegrass fiddle to contemporary favorites, and Ti'Acadie, contra dance band employing a variety of instruments with Quebecois, New England and old-time music from throughout the region.

There will also be the vesper service, children's crafts and dragon parade, horse-drawn wagon rides, food court, bonfire with marshmallow roasting, fireworks, and last but not least, a new event, community bell ringing.

We thought since the town received (thanks to the Bethel Rotary Club) the new clock opposite the Civil War soldier's monument at the corner of Mechanic, High and Main streets that it might be appropriate to invite everyone with a historic cow, sleigh, school or other type of bell to come and ring in the new year once the clock hits twelve midnight on Dec. 31. So come and join us in the Key Bank parking lot for the community bell ringing beginning around 11:45 p.m. on New Year's eve.

Let's start a new Bethel tradition and welcome 2005 while gathered around our new town clock.

Stan Howe

Executive Director, Bethel Historical Society

TRUE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

To the Editor:

As another Christmas season approaches, I am moved to write this letter.

What is happening in our society when employees of a large department store are told that they may no longer wish customers a Merry Christmas? They must now say "Happy holidays" instead.

In the mad rush of parties and shopping for the perfect gift, have we forgotten about the original perfect gift? The gift of God's Son, Jesus Christ, whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas Day.

For all of you who choose not to believe, that's your business, but please don't try to take Christ out of my Christmas, I just won't allow it. Go get your own holiday, call it Santa Claus Day.

In the words of an old Eddy Arnold carol:
 "C is for the Christ Child, born upon this day.
 H is for Herald Angels in the night/R means our Redeemer.
 I means Israel/S is for the star that shone so bright.
 T is for three Wise Men, they who traveled far.
 M is for the manger where He Lay.
 A's for All He stands for.
 S means Shepherds came.
 And that's why there's a Christmas Day!"
 In the true spirit of the Season, Merry Christmas, One and All!

Kathy Jo Farren
West Bethel

HONEST AND DEPENDABLE

To the Editor:

There are some acrimonious ideas among people about used car salesmen. I would like to shine some light on a car dealership where honesty and decency are foremost.

My husband and I have gotten our cars from B and K Motors for quite some time. We have always been satisfied with the service and the vehicles.

Recently I ran into a "snag" with a vehicle I had gotten at B and K. While I won't give away all their secrets, Bud and Kerry Harlow went "above and beyond" to see that I remained a happy customer.

Bud and Kerry Harlow are honest, dependable and decent human beings. I have benefited from them time and again. As long as B and K sells cars, I'll be back.

Tricia Chappie
Bethel

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IN HONOR OF TOM WHEELER—A new state flag was raised last Thursday at the White Mountain National Forest's Evans Notch Ranger Station, in memory of Tom Wheeler, a 30-year employee of the Forest Service, who died last month. Wheeler's son Joe, second from right, was presented with a plaque certifying that the flag had flown over the Maine State Capitol. Others taking part were (from left) Harry Brauer and Emily Beers of the WMNF, state Rep Arlan Jodrey of Bethel, and Joe Cole and Joe Shimamura of the WMNF.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Patrol

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Dresser, chairman of the Board of Selectmen said.

"We're paying a ton of money for 28 towns to have police coverage. When you pay your tax bill on your house, you're paying for coverage in, say, Denmark."

Bethel officials are not the first to note the disparity.

"We're not alone," Cole said. The situation has been discussed at county budget meetings, he said, and "clearly there's a disparity between those who are paying for the service versus those who are receiving the service, but the whole trick is to change the legislation. ... If you want to see something different, you've got to change the law."

In an effort to get the law changed, the selectmen unanimously endorsed a legislative proposal drafted by Cole, which calls for assigning 90 percent of the cost of OCSB patrol division to those towns that create the need.

The remaining 10 percent would be paid by the towns with police departments, in acknowledgement that those towns still make some use of some OCSB services, including dispatch, the jail, and backup by deputies.

"In no way is this intended to reflect any upset with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department," said Dresser.

"Quite the contrary, the services they provide are very good."

Rather, he said, by endorsing the proposal the selectmen were "encouraging the Legislature to enact legislation that would change the funding structure for a portion of the Oxford County Sheriff's Department budget to better reflect the manner in which services are received."

Dresser said he also hoped that by taking the first step, Bethel "would become instrumental in helping other communities wrestle with the same question."

Hard sell ahead

But while the proposal would save money for towns with their own police departments, it would raise taxes in the towns without.

"It won't be an easy sell," predicted state Rep. Arlan Jodrey (R-Bethel) who attended last week's selectmen's meeting.

As for the chances for success in the Legislature, Jodrey said, "You're going to have to have a good consensus from the other commu-

nities if you're going to get anywhere."

Selectman Reggie Brown said that despite the inequity of the current situation, taxpayers in towns that stand to pay more under the proposal "would be crazy to vote for this."

But Dresser said Tuesday that he had discussed the matter with a number of legislators following last week's meeting and been encouraged by their responses.

He said he was unsure if a bill would be filed for the current legislative session, "for largely political reasons."

"When this issue makes it to the Legislature it will be hotly debated by those who stand to reduce their tax obligation and those who stand to have their tax obligations increased," Dresser said.

"We will be more likely to find legislative sponsorship for a bill to resolve this apparent inequity after we have held this debate among the municipal officers and citizens of Oxford County."

"These sorts of issues provide intriguing glimpses into the differences between the idealizations and realities of democracy," Dresser said.

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A "junkyard" is a yard, field or other outside area used to store, dismantle or otherwise handle:

-Discarded, worn-out or junked plumbing, heating supplies, electronic or industrial equipment, household appliances or furniture.

-Discarded, scrap and junked lumber.

-Old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper trash, rubber debris, waste and all scrap iron, steel and other scrap ferrous or nonferrous material.

Clean up

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men.

"Almost every day some one mentions 'the messes in town,'" said Selectman Stan Howe. "We have to at least try to do something about it."

Brown noted that the selectmen had a legal responsibility to address the problems.

"We're breaking state law by allowing them to do it," he said.

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"The Home Depot provided, at a discounted rate, weatherization kits that contain door, window and pipe insulation and six compact fluorescent light bulbs. The kits are valued at \$50 each. Each is estimated to save about \$80 a year in heating

The labor to install them is voluntary, and volunteer fire departments are doing much of the work.

On Sunday, a dozen Bethel firefighters made the rounds to eight houses, from West Bethel to East Bethel.

They started at 8 a.m., finishing the last house at 3 p.m.

"Everything went fine, and everyone was very happy with the work," said Mike Jodrey, assistant chief.

The last homeowner showed her appreciation by making fudge for the volunteers.

Bethel had the largest number of eligible people in the area. Woodstock had two, West Paris three, and Andover, Greenwood and Newry one each.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN K. BROWN

10 years ago: More than 200 attended a flag raising that kicked off the initial construction phase of the \$25 million Bethel Station development on Cross Street.

Newry selectmen were open to a possibility of a move of the Newry post office from Newry Corner to a location at the town office. (Later the post office was relocated to a site on the Sunday River Road.)

Jack Frost Ski Shop of Newry was voted one of the 50 top ski shops in the country by readers of Snow Country magazine.

Bethel Savings Bank announced the addition of Roger Conant, assistant vice president, Lending.

Births: Hannah Elizabeth Ryerson.

Deaths: Frances Rose Heath, Merton W. Blood.

20 years ago: Bethel selectmen were setting up a schedule to interview four candidates for the position of town manager.

A surprise retirement party was held for Charlie Keoskie, who was retiring Dec. 31 after 28 years at Newton and Tebbets, West Bethel.

Storyteller Joe Perham of West Paris was guest at a luncheon meeting of the Bethel Rotary Club.

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Briefly

Candidate pleads guilty

PARIS — An unsuccessful candidate for the Maine State Senate seat in District 14, has pled guilty to drug and firearm related charges. Julia Justin St. James, 44, of Hartford was convicted of marijuana cultivation and charges of criminal forfeiture regarding a handgun and shotgun. She was sentenced to six months in county jail (all suspended) and six months probation. In last month's election, St. James ran as a Fourth Branch party candidate. She placed third, behind the winner, incumbent state Sen. Bruce Bryant (D-Dixfield) and challenger Rob Cameron (R-Rumford).

Bill Koch X-C Ski Team

BETHEL — This Saturday, Dec. 18, the Bethel Bill Koch Cross-country Ski Program will meet at the Sunday River Inn at 10 to 12 a.m. The program is open to youngsters old enough to ski through age 13. It is also a free community ski day at the Sunday River Inn Cross Country Ski Center, so parents are encouraged to come out and get some skiing in themselves. The ski program is sponsored by the Bethel Outing Club, which promotes Nordic skiing in the area.

Deer kill less than projected

AUGUSTA — Preliminary numbers show Maine's deer kill topped last year's but still fell short of expectations, officials said Thursday. Preliminary data indicates the deer kill will be in the vicinity of 32,000, which would be an increase of 6 percent over last year's 30,313. Nonetheless, that's 11 percent lower than the projected kill of 35,800, officials said. Deer harvests were up 20 percent in northern and eastern Maine, and were on par with last year's numbers in southern and western Maine, said Gerry Lavigne, deer biologist from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. There was a decline in some central Maine areas where doe permits had been issued in recent years to thin out the deer population, Lavigne said. Weather conditions were good, but not as good as last year, officials said. The first two weeks were cool and dry but crunchy leaves alerted deer to the presence of hunters, officials said. There was snow later in the season in northern Maine, helping hunters track deer. Overall, state biologists noted fewer hunters in the woods during the general firearm season, which ran from Oct. 30 to Nov. 27.

Living Nativity Sunday

BETHEL — The annual Living Nativity will take place Sunday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. on the Bethel common. Following the Nativity (at about 6 p.m.), presentations of "Signs of Christmas" and "Three Wise Men and a Baby" will take place at the Nazarene Church on Church Street.

Palm tree recovered here

BETHEL — A yellow, 18-foot-tall imitation palm tree that was stolen last month from a lawn in Harrison was recovered from a basement in Bethel, according to Capt. Bill Rhoads of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department. The theft of the palm was the subject of television and other media coverage both within and outside of Maine. The tree, valued at nearly \$3,000, was reportedly stolen one night as a prank by teenagers. The thieves drove the palm to Bethel in the back of a pickup truck, and stashed it in a friend's basement. When the tree's value appeared in news reports, someone placed a call to the owner, Beverly Maxfield, trying to make a deal to return it. Maxfield hung up without reaching an agreement (she received the phone call around midnight). Sheriff's investigators then interviewed students at Oxford Hills High School, where they got information that led them to the tree in Bethel. Wayne Warren, 18, of Waterford was arrested. A 17-year-old, also from Waterford, was also charged. Because of the value of the tree, the youths face felony theft charges. Maxfield said she hoped the teens would have to perform some sort of community service. The tree has been returned to her. "She has the tree back, but it needs some repairs," said Rhoads.

Transfer station open Christmas

WEST PARIS — The West Paris Transfer Station will be open on Christmas Day, which falls this year on a Saturday. In a reversal of normal weekend hours, the station will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 26. The switch was proposed by attendant David Billings, who said he was willing to work on the holiday. The longer hours on Sunday will provide more time for people to dispose of the other waste that accumulates at Christmas, according to Wade Rainey, chairman of the Board of Selectmen. The Tri-town Transfer Station in Bethel will be closed Christmas and open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The Greenstock Transfer Station in Locke Mills will also be closed Christmas Day and open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Boxing Day.

New deputies in budget

PARIS — The Oxford County Sheriff's Department will have the funds to hire three new deputies on July 1. Sheriff Skip Herrick's request for funding for three new hires was initially rejected by the commissioners, who voted to instead hire only one. But the county budget Committee later approved (5-4) funding to hire three as of July 1.

Another big box in the works

OXFORD — A major retailer has expressed interest in land along Route 26, north of Wal-Mart. According to a published report, Code Enforcement Officer Rodney Smith has said preliminary survey work has been conducted, and he expects plans to be presented to the Planning Board in a matter of month. The retailer was unnamed.

Cats need homes for Christmas

NORWAY — Responsible Pet Care hopes to place up to 100 cats and kittens in homes between now and Jan. 2. There are currently about 80 cats available. The effort is part of the national "Home 4 the Holidays" program, organized by the Helen Woodward Animal Center in California. The Norway shelter charges a \$70 adoption fee, which covers spaying or neutering, vaccinations and a free vet visit. But, said volunteers at the shelter, anyone giving a cat as a gift should make sure the recipient can have a feline. References are checked before animals leave the shelter. For more information call 748-8679.



NOTICE

The temporary and selectively permitted use of my driveway for access to the property on Walker's Mountain owned or once owned by Mr. Tibbets is ended now that Mr. Tibbets has constructed his own road. David Oakes Chandler Hill December 7, 2004

From the Bethel Police Log:

Tuesday, Dec. 14

At 6:59 a.m. Chief Alan Carr and Officer Ovide Richard responded to an accident on the East Bethel Road. The vehicle was on its side in the ditch, up against a utility pole.

Saturday, Dec. 11

At 1:19 a.m. Officer Ovide Richard responded to the Access Road at Sunday River to assist a county deputy with a rollover accident. The deputy arrested the driver for OUI.

At 11:41 a.m. Officer Charles Taylor responded to a two-vehicle property damage accident on Philbrook Street.

At 12:49 p.m. Officer Charles Taylor responded to the North Road for a two-vehicle accident.

At 3:06 p.m. Officer Charles Taylor responded to a two-vehicle accident on Route 2.

At 10 p.m. Officer Harry Sims received a report of several juveniles, in possession of alcohol, visiting the area. The officer later stopped them in a vehicle on the Songo Pond Road. A firecracker and cigarettes were confiscated, and a member of the juvenile driver's family was contacted.

Thursday, Dec. 9

At 2:20 p.m. a caller reported that a vehicle that traveled Vernon Street each morning was regularly driving too fast, and requested police patrol the area.

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December 7, 2004

In our back yard

Stay warm this winter while cutting pollution

With heating oil prices creeping ever higher, more and more Mainers are dusting off the old wood stove and hatching in hopes of a little cheap heat this winter.

Before striking that first match, however, we would do well to look at the environmental costs and benefits of wood burning.

Unlike coal, oil, natural gas and propane, sustainably harvested wood is considered a renewable source; as long as we replenish what we cut and maintain forest health, we will always have wood to burn.

Wood also adds no net carbon dioxide (CO₂), a greenhouse gas implicated in global climate change, to the atmosphere; wood spent its life as a tree absorbing CO₂, so the CO₂ emitted when it burns is still part of the carbon cycle.

Despite these environmental benefits, however, burning wood can cause real pollution problems indoors and out. Wood smoke contains high levels of fine particulates (soot), mercury, dioxin and other toxic air pollutants. Luckily, there are steps we can all take to make sure our stoves burn more efficiently, reducing pollution and cost.

The first thing to do, no matter what kind of fuel heats your home, is to weatherize with insulation, weather stripping, caulk and storm windows. Weatherization keeps your heat inside instead of helping to warm up the neighborhood. A tight house also helps reduce the amount of fuel you burn.

Selecting the right wood stove is the next step. Newer wood stoves meet strict federal (EPA) emissions standards through the use of a catalytic combustor or recirculation of gases and particulates. Look for a sticker on the stove that indicates it's EPA-certified and for information on heat output and efficiency. A more efficient stove will pollute less and save money on fuel in the long run.

Picking a wood stove size correctly for the area it will heat will increase efficiency and reduce emissions. A wood stove that is too large will have to be damped down, creating more pollution from inefficient combustion and increasing dangerous creosote build-up.

Proper operation and maintenance will keep your stove running clean and safe.

For a clean, efficient burn, build a small, hot fire with hardwood that has been air-dried for at least six months. Small fires burn volatile gases more quickly, reducing safety hazards and air quality problems. The optimum temperature range for gases leaving the stove should range from about 300 to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. A simple, inexpensive stack thermometer that sticks to the stovepipe with a magnet will help to monitor the exit gas temperature.

Keeping the stove clear of excess ash prevents clogging of the stove's intake vents that supply needed oxygen. Once or twice per year clean the stovepipe and inspect the stove and chimney for warping, gaps in the baffle and creosote buildup.

Replace catalytic combustors every two to three years.

Go ahead and snuggle up in that warm, cozy heat from the wood stove. And rest assured that with the right stove, seasoned wood and good operation and maintenance practices your wood heat isn't giving someone else a bad air day.

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Elk

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fence. "I had them back within an hour," said Billings. On other farms, a taste of freedom would likely mean the animals were gone for good, he said.

Other farmers often raise their animals feed-lot-style in a very small space, Billings said. "I didn't want to do it that way. That's why I took a long time to build the fencing," he said.

While Christmas seems to be the most popular time of the year to elk watch, people stop all year round. Billings also takes people on tours around the farm, driving them out to the back part of the field in his truck to see the calves in the spring.

And during the summer months, buses bringing people north for moose watching often stop on their way home.

It's one place, said Billings, the four drivers can guarantee a large-animal sighting.

'BIG BOY', an 11-year-old bull presides over a herd of three dozen elk at Kevin Billings' Deer Meadow Farm in West Paris.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

MDOT

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that have been made over the years," he said.

SAD44's \$7.1 million allotment is also expected to cover funding for gifted and talented services and foreign languages in the lower grades, programs the district itself does not yet fully fund, Murphy said. Those programs are mandated by the state.

In addition, the state may also stipulate districts use EPS funds for new requirements, such as providing more services for K-2 pupils.

Murphy said money the dis-

trict wants to raise beyond the state-designated amount would have to be voted upon as a separate referendum question.

He also said the school funding referendum approved in June, which calls for the state to pay 55 percent of education funding would now be based on the EPS calculation — not on the funding formula in place when voters went to the polls.

The governor's tax proposal calls for phasing in the full 55 percent over several years.

LD1924 implications

Another measure, LD1924, will deal a financial blow to four out of the five SAD44 member towns, Murphy said.

The bill changed the cost-sharing formula within school districts.

Currently, a town's share of the pie is based entirely on its valuation.

Under the new formula, a town's student enrollment also becomes a factor.

That favors Newry, with its large valuation and small student population.

But it also would shift more of the burden to the other four towns in the district.

Murphy said that while the district would gain some funds as the 55 percent formula is implemented, the combination of all the funding changes would still leave at least four towns paying more to sustain a status quo budget.

With those implications, said Murphy, "there's no question we're going to be left with some difficult budget decisions to make."

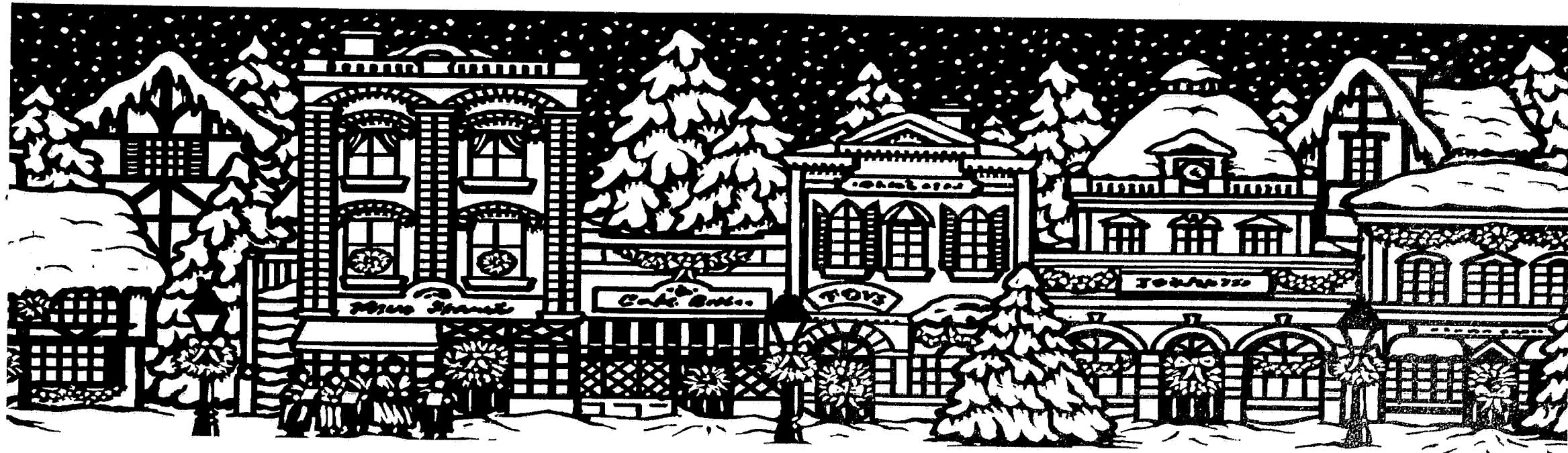
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to the Holidays

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December 1 - December 24

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Merry Christmas! FMI: www.sundayriverinn.com

December 27

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December 31

7th Annual "New Year's Bethel" Celebration

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Yummy Christmas Morning Breakfast Ideas

Honeyed Canadian Bacon

This really rounds out a special breakfast. It truly is a great addition to any hearty country meal.

1/2 cup raisins
1 3/4 cup cider
1/3 cup honey
1 tablespoon cornstarch
3/4 teaspoon dry mustard
6 slices Canadian bacon
6 slices pineapple

Combine raisins and cider and simmer for 10 minutes. Add honey. Combine cornstarch and mustard and stir into cider mixture and cook another 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Bake bacon in shallow baking pan in 350 degree oven until done, usually 30 minutes if slices are half-inch thick; adjust time accordingly. During the last 15 minutes of baking, remove from the oven and place a pineapple slice on each piece of Canadian bacon. Pour sauce over all and return to the oven. Serves 6.

Cinnamon Swirls

Best warm from the oven with an icy glass of milk.

8 oz. tube refrigerated crescent rolls
2 tablespoons margarine, softened
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
1/4 cup chopped walnuts
1/3 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon milk
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Unroll crescent roll dough and separate in 4 rectangles. Press seams to seal; spread margarine over dough. Mix together cinnamon and sugar and sprinkle evenly over rectangles. Press walnuts into cinnamon-sugar mixture. Roll up jelly roll style, starting with long side; press edges to seal. Cut each log into 5 slices. Place into a lightly greased 8 inch round cake pan. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 12 minutes or until golden on top. Combine powdered sugar, milk and vanilla, stirring until smooth and drizzle over warm rolls. Makes 20 rolls.

Judy Jenkins, Knoxville, TN

Sausage-filled Crêpes

Enjoy with a tall glass of freshly squeezed orange juice!

3 eggs, beaten
1 cup milk
1 tablespoon oil
1 cup all purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 lb. ground sausage, browned
1/4 cup onion, diced
1 1/2 cups pasteurized process cheese spread, shredded
3 oz. package cream cheese
1/2 cup sour cream
1/4 cup butter

Whisk together eggs, milk and oil. Stir in flour and salt; mix well. Lightly grease a 5" or 7" skillet and place on medium-high heat. Using a ladle or small cup, spoon in about 2 tablespoons of batter, then quickly tilt the pan to coat the bottom. The batter should be in a thin layer. Cook 3 to 4 minutes, or until the edges are golden brown and lift up easily. Turn it with a spatula and cook the second side, for only 3 to 4 minutes. Place crêpe on a plate, cover to keep warm and repeat with remaining batter. Combine sausage, onion, cheese, and cream cheese until well blended. Place 2 tablespoons of sausage mixture down the center of each crêpe, roll up and place in a greased 13"x9" baking dish. Bake, covered at 375 degrees for 40 minutes. In a small mixing bowl, combine sour cream and butter; spoon over crêpes. Uncover and bake an additional 5 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

Renee Reu, Luverne, MN

Christians' Mornin' Casserole

Ready to bake in only 15 minutes, so you can get back to all the Christmas morning fun!

20 oz. package frozen hash browns, thawed
4 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
2 cups cooked ham, diced
7 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground mustard

Place hash browns in a greased 13"x9" baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese and ham; set aside. Beat eggs, milk, salt and mustard together; pour over ham. Bake, covered, at 350 degrees for one hour. Uncover and bake an additional 15 minutes or until golden. Makes 8 servings.

Kelly Hoefer, Bellevue, NE

Champagne Mimosa

Makes the champagne go a little further!

1 cup prepared strawberry daiquiri mix
6 oz. can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed
6 oz. cold water
3/4 cup fresh grapefruit juice
1/3 cup frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
3 tablespoons frozen limeade concentrate, thawed
1 bottle champagne, chilled
thin orange slices, halved

Combine prepared daiquiri mix, orange juice concentrate, water, grapefruit juice, lemonade and limeade concentrate in a pitcher or bowl. Stir until well combined. Cover and chill. To serve, pour the chilled juice mixture into eight ice-filled glasses, filling each glass half full. Pour an equal amount of the chilled champagne into each glass. Garnish with orange slice halves. Makes 8 6 ounce servings. Note: For an non-alcoholic drink, substitute chilled carbonated water for champagne.



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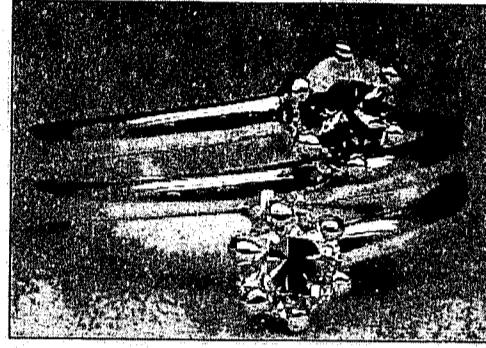
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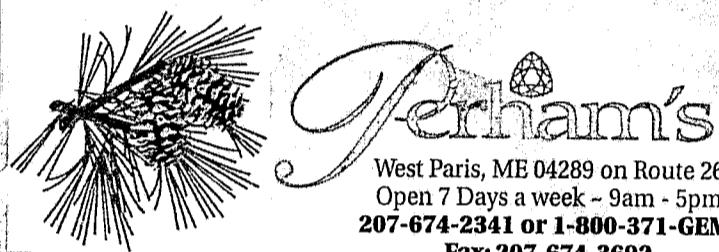


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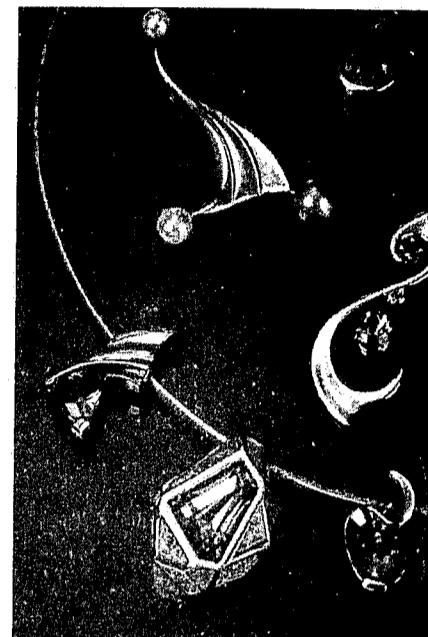
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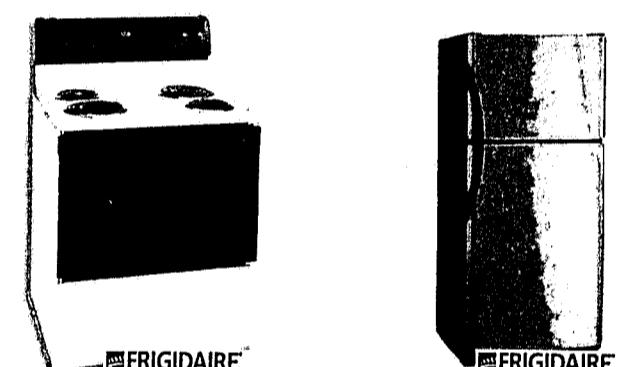
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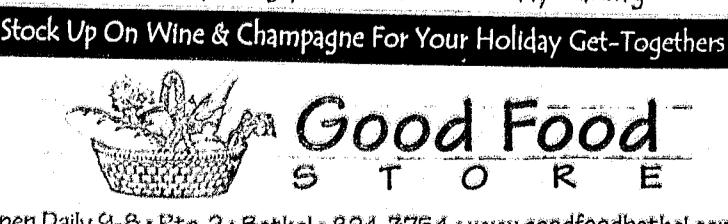
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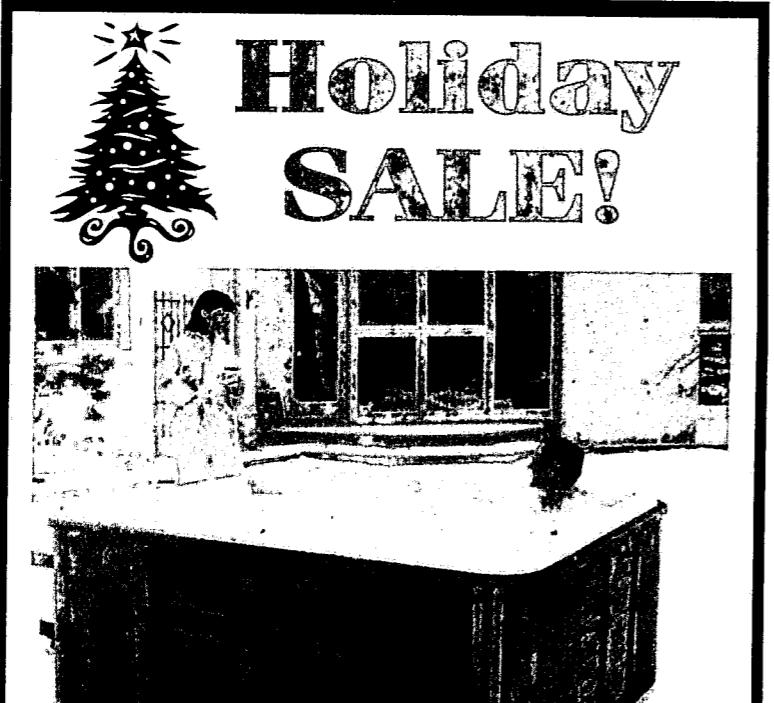
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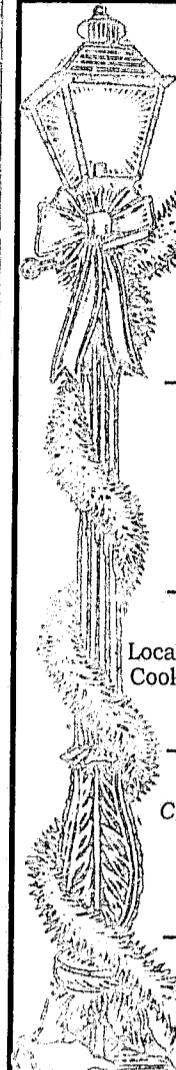


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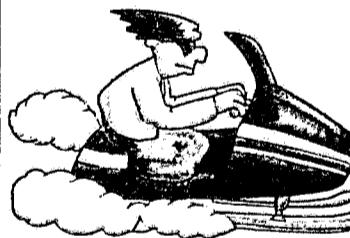
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Bethel



by
Virginia
Keniston
Bill and Ki
Clough visited
briefly with
several
friends in
town last Thursday on their
way to Freeport to babysit
with their grandchildren.

Cross Country Quilters met on Tuesday at the home of Lee Barth on Paris Hill for a Christmas get-together and lunch.

The Annual Conference was held at the Methodist Church this past week.

Rachel McKnight of Jericho, Vt., spent the weekend with her parents, Bob and Ginny Keniston.

Don Ferrero of New Bedford, Mass., spent a few days this past week with Bud and Mary Paine.

Bud and Mary Paine were at Dick Paine's in Auburn over the weekend. Mary was honored at a birthday dinner with guests Eleanor Truitt, Terry, Jo and Stephanie DePhillip and Elaine Jacques.

Mike, Kathy and Nora Davis helped Amy Davis set up and decorate her Christmas tree on Saturday.

The Mollyockett aquacize group met at Ann Morton's on Monday.

Two books titled "Character Building Stories for Children" and "Children's Stories from the Life of Christ" were recently donated to the Methodist Church Sunday School. The donation was made in memory of Bill and Ethel Ward. Members of the congregation can volunteer to be a guest reader during any of the Sunday School classes that begin at 9:30 a.m. All children are welcomed. Sunday School director is Rebecca Carter.

Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge played Friday at the Fare Share Commons. Winners were: first, Dick Allen and Pete Cummings; second, Les Buzzell and Woody Mercie; third, Eleanor Griffin and Jim Dickens; fourth, Marta Clements and Nancy Farmer. Dec. 17 will be the year-end Holiday game.

All bridge players are most welcome. A partner is guaranteed. There will be no game Dec. 24 or 31.

Gilead



by
Lin Chapman
I received an e-mail from Earlene and Lewis Clough, and this is what they wrote:

"Here is an open letter to the people of Gilead: 27 years ago Earlene and I purchased a parcel of land in Gilead. We arrived there unannounced to our new neighbors and began building a winter haven to enjoy and use as a base for skiing. During these years we were blessed with a warm and friendly relationship with our new neighbors. I cannot begin to tell you how wonderful it has been. We have watched their children grow and loved them as dearly as our own. The youngest was eight months old when we arrived. Where else but in Gilead could you arrive in a snowstorm and have the end of your drive all cleared so you can get off the road, and a path cleared to your porch. Someone to check the heat and to reset the thermostat when it was set askew by a power interruption. To give you a call if something went wrong. To share their pets as if they were your own. To sit and chat with out by an open fire. We shall miss Gilead, but most of all we shall miss these wonderful neighbors. Mac McLain and his family. Mac is a quiet man, very laid back and easy going, but the warmest and truest friend a person could ever have. Thank you so much for a rewarding and fulfilling 27 years of our lives. With great affection, Earlene & Lewis Clough."

Lise McLain, Aline Dupont and Andre Dupont attended a mass this past weekend at the Holy Family Church in Gorham, N.H. The mass was in honor of their mother, Edna Dupont.

News of the Gilead Historical Society is traveling. Besides the state of Maine, we have received dues for memberships from Shillington, Pa., Burlington, Conn., and Bainbridge Island, Wash. There is still time to become a Charter Member if dues are received before Dec. 31. You can reach me at the same contact information as this column.

There are only a few more shopping days to Christmas. I needed a few last-minute presents, so Hugh and I checked out a few shops on Main Street in Bethel. There are lots of great things to choose from. We also went to the Gift Shop at the Bethel Historical Society to check out their selection of books on history of the area.

Need to hear from more Gilead residents with news. Give me a call at 836-2987 or e-mail me at chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton



by
Eleanor
LeComte
The hills
and valleys
of Upton are
covered with
snow. The

lake is now a sea of white. Occasionally a fox will cross the ice to get to the other side, but the ice is not thick enough to support a heavier load. Although the snow is lovely to behold, driving is not for the faint hearted. Plows and sanders have been quite busy over the weekend. Winter will not begin for another week and already thoughts of spring are in our hearts. "Think Snow, Think Spring." Take your pick. It's your call.

The deer have not yet appeared on the scene. They are late. I believe there are a few logging operations in the area and the critters are filling up on salad before the big meal. Plans are afoot to feed them further into the forest to lessen the impact on the present feeding grounds.

Walt and Liz have returned

from a cruise in the Caribbean. They were delighted to see Upton covered with snow and their driveway a sheet of ice. Welcome to the real world.

Eileen and Bill Casey have been babysitting the Casey girls while Paul and Jennifer attend a Wildlife Conference out of state.

The Ladies Aid Jenkins Fund Christmas Party was held on Saturday, Dec. 11. A big thank you to Dick Angevine, who did a super job of clearing out the very wet and heavy snow. A capacity crowd attended and enjoyed hearing the children give their presentations and performances. Elissa Dyer read a Christmas poem; Chris-

tine Bisson held her little brother, John Douglass, in her arms to do their presentation; the Casey girls, Jessica and Caitlyn, sang Christmas songs together and Jessica played Christmas carols on the keyboard; Jerry Kenney and her daughter, Jamie, "emceed" and did a great job. Lionel Roy from Berlin led the group in Christmas carols while Joe DeRose accompanied him on the keyboard. Every voice was heard. Some were a little off key but very enthusiastic. Santa arrived to the tune of "Here Comes Santa Claus." Santa had to plow the area earlier in the day in order to land his sleigh in front of the church.

Simonne Lavallee received applause for her hard work and organization over the years. The Ladies Aid members were also praised for continuing a long Christmas tradition in Upton.

Ernest and Alberta Angevine, Jeanette and Lionel Roy, Ruby Kulpa and others traveled long distances to attend. We thank them.

Ernest related a story of Christmas Past in Upton which was enjoyed by all. The church and the Ladies Aid Building have been the scene of many Christmas parties over the years, thanks to Mr. Jenkins and a number of other caring people. It's not Rockefeller Center — it's better.

Sue Hibbard reports the Snowmobile Bridge at Pople Dam is being repaired by club members. It washed out in the heavy rains of November. These hardy folks are to be commended for their tenacity and work to make the trails better.

The pole barn at the Transfer Station has been completed.

Since we are inundated with pine siskins, the little creatures will be the "Bird of the Week."

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but our first ski of the year felt just great, especially on the return trip when we had our own tracks to ski in. Mike skied again on Sunday on the Mud City Road, but found it quite icy, great for Jake the Lab, but treacherous for his master. Another six inches of powder would set things up perfectly.

Colleen Boyd and Jane Heslerman shared the ride to join about 45 other members of Bethel Senior Citizens at the Bethel Inn last Wednesday night. It was the group's annual Christmas meeting, and a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all.

Saturday night at the West Bethel Union Church was a fellowship potluck supper. After dinner while the adults did clean-up chores, the youngsters went upstairs to trim the Christmas tree, which was provided by Danny Grover.

Richard and Pat Kimball have a new great-granddaughter, Nancy Ashburner, born on Dec. 9.

Richard and Pat Kimball had Thanksgiving dinner with Keith and Penny Savage and family in Bryant Pond.

Florence Hastings had Thanksgiving dinner with George and Ginny Gamble.

Jean Grover had her turkey with Jim and Dawn Grover.

I really screwed up last week; all the dates for the Grange meetings were wrong. No wonder they were all canceled.

Have a nice week. God Bless the Troops.

West Bethel



by
Lorrie Hoeh

This week we have a plethora of goldfinches at the feeder. I counted one flock at around

50, and Mike says he has seen an even greater number.

Of course, there are also lots of chickadees, the occasional titmouse, several nuthatches, droves of doves, and both hairy and downy woodpeckers.

And just when we thought we were free of red squirrels, one showed up the other day. Probably won't be long until they start multiplying again. Ah, well, I guess all the critters have a right to be here.

Friday's 3 1/2 inches of heavy, wet snow provided a perfect surface for cross-country skiing along the West Branch in Mason on Saturday. There were a few "fords" to be negotiated along the road,

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itself.

Still hoping that all you neighbors are further along than I am in holiday preparations. The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas always seems way too short for me. And I refuse to start working on Christmas before I've finished with Halloween and Thanksgiving in October.

East Stoneham

by
Eleanor
Nelson

Hi readers. Well, the snow has come so I can get into the Christmas spirit. That's the way it is. Most people on our list like gift certificates anyway, so that will be easy.

We were awfully saddened to learn of the deaths of two of our good friends this past week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Eunice Brown Grover and Chet Adams. They will be greatly missed by their family and friends.

I talked briefly today with Loretta Andrews, who is at the New England Rehab of Portland where she is recuperating from major surgery. She sounded good but we didn't talk long as she had a visitor come in to visit so I hung up and will talk with her later.

There was a planning board meeting last night but I didn't get to it. I'll try to get to the next one.

We went to Norway today shopping and to lab work, etc., and saw a lot of people to chat with. Guess everybody was getting ahead of the storm that's predicted. These early December storms can be quite slippery and it's a good idea for us older people to stay in if we can.

Hope to have more and better news next week.

Our generator went on a parade a while ago in Bridgton, and we hear that the float in the parade took first place again this year for the most creative float. The float was, "The Polar Bear Express."

West Paris

by
Bertha DeHaas

On Saturday evening, Dec. 4, at 5 p.m. about 75 people converged on Veteran's Park in West Paris for the wedding of Lisa Whitney and Jack Floster, owner of the West Paris General Store. Lisa is the daughter of Linda Whitney Irish of Gray and Florida. Jack is the son of Frank and Elizabeth Floster of Harrison. Conducting the ceremony was Pastor Don Mayberry of the Congregational Church in South Paris. The attendants were Miss

Prentiss Kurty, daughter of the bride, and Master Ian Floster, son of the groom. The bagpipes were played by John Ryan. Some of those attending were as follows: Jack's daughters, Melissa Whittier and husband, Lance; Michelle Floster and friend Tony Unsel; Kim Crocker; bagpiper, John Ryan and wife, Charlotte; Heather Gionet; Sarah Farnum; Roy, Lori and Melinda Benson; Peggy Merrill; Leon Baker; Sandra and Steve Hanscom; Amanda and Joey; Carmen Hadley; Ruth Hazelton; Lorie O'Neill; April Lacinice; Fran Haney; Trish Haney; Lloyd Waterhouse; Marlene Ray; Myriassa Dan; Tina Hasell; Bo Warden; Ruth Floets; Tim and Fran Buck; Relu J.; David and Evana Young; Bertha DeHaas; Frank and Elizabeth Floster; Linda Irish; Ruby Whitney and about 14 others who did not sign the book. The bride and her attendants arrived by a horse-drawn white carriage. The bride and groom were whisked away by a stretch limo after the ceremony to attend a wedding reception at the Jackson-Silver Post American Legion in Locke Mills. After a brief honeymoon they will reside on Main Street here in West Paris and continue running West Paris General Store. Congratulations folks.

The "Voices for Christ" combined choir will present the Christmas cantata, "Emmanuel — Celebrating Heaven's Child" on Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Dixfield Congregational Church at 2 p.m. and the East Sumner Congregational Church at 6 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 5 from 1 to 7 p.m., tables were set up in the West Paris fire hall with many nice items for sale by Jaci's Jazettes, Kami (caramel apples), Michelle Cox, (corn chowder), West Paris Historical Society, Mary Williams, Osborne Books, Dawn Hill Derby Group, Paul and Cindy Cox, hot dogs and coffee and others. The Christmas basket was won by Tim Stevens. As cold as it was Sunday night that hot corn chowder, coffee and chocolate really hit the spot.

At about 5 p.m. the Santa Claus parade came down Main Street from the Agnes L. Gray School to the Veteran's Park at the corner of Main and Maple streets. The parade was led by Jaci's Jazettes dance team closely followed by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and several townspeople in a wagon from Hill Billy's Belgians. Those horses really are beautiful. When everyone had arrived

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at the park we proceeded to light the Christmas tree. Wade Rainey was master of ceremonies. Bertha DeHaas led the carol singing and then we all hurried to the fire station for hot coffee, cocoa or chowder. It really felt good to get inside where it was warm. The fire trucks had been in the parade also. Our young dancers did a really good job and a good way to keep warm.

The Agnes L. Gray School news is as follows: There are two sixth-graders who have created and are sponsoring two Christmas baskets. One is a Christmas feast of non-perishable items and the other is a new toy basket. They are accepting donations from the school and community. The items are to be left at the Agnes L. Gray School office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 17.

The Agnes L. Gray Christmas Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 8, was a great success, thanks to Mrs. Andrews-Wright, the new music teacher, and the parents, teachers and all the students. Great job everyone.

Basketball, grades three through six, is up and running. Schedule changes were made as of Monday, Dec. 13, due to a conflict with one of the coach's work. Check with your coach.

The Instrumental and Chorus Recital Night will be held Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the

Agnes L. Gray Gym.

The after-school Explorer's program will go to Ledgeview Dec. 17 to sing Christmas carols to the residents.

The last student day before Christmas vacation will be Dec. 21. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 3. On Dec. 22 SAD17 staff will be attending a Barry Lane workshop. He is a world-renowned writing expert.

See you all next week.

West Paris

by
Joyce Lamb

The weather dumped all of its flurry on our area this past weekend — snow, rain, and more snow and sleet. Roads were a mess. My drive had been well sandied but with the freezing rain it was buried again. We have not found the black top yet.

At the West Paris Universalist Church on Sunday, Dec. 19, the Rev. Joy Gasta will talk on "God through Me," the radical message that Jesus preached — God is manifested through each of us. In the evening at the Church at 5 p.m. will be the Christmas potluck supper followed by a Christmas program and a visit from Santa. All are welcome. On the 24th, the Christmas Eve service with special music will be at 6

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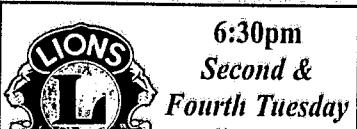
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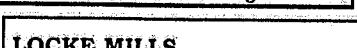
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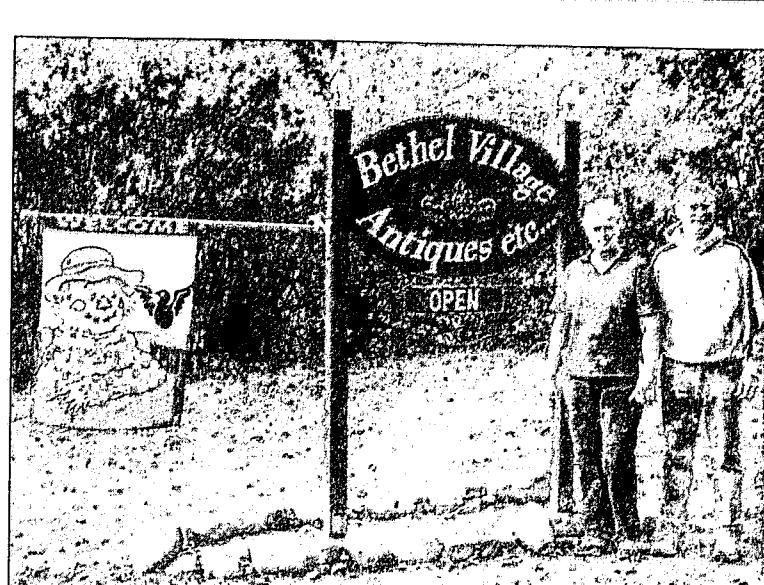
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Phelps and Joan Poland. Joan baby-sits her great-grandson, Will Bru, weekdays while his mother, Amy, works.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Quote of the week: "I've learned that housework is something a woman does but which no one notices until she doesn't do it."

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt

Services at
the Baptist
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and Adult
Bible Fellow-

ship at 9:15 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting. Thursday morning is Ladies Bible time at 9 Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. is the Christmas program "God's Special Lamb," a Christmas Special performed by the Sunday School and choir.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met for their December Christmas meeting at the Locke Mills Legion Hall with a noon chicken pie dinner served by the Legion ladies. A business meeting was held at 11:30 a.m. with Evelyn Bean,

president, presiding. She thanked all who had assisted the past year and announced seven new members this past year. Election of new officers: Edwin Howes, president; Joan Morgan, vice president; Mary Emmons, secretary; Norma Davis, treasurer. Chairman of cards and chaplain will be named by the president at the January meeting, which will be at the Town Conference Room with a potluck dinner at noon. Dues are payable the month of January, and anyone may join if 55 years old. Helvi Cary and Annella Burnham will do the Christmas greetings to shut-ins. There was an exchange of cards and gifts. Toys were brought for children and food for the pantry. This was in charge of Sylvia Dunham, who also led the singing of Christmas carols with Beverly Melville at the piano. This closed with a very successful year.

Last Saturday evening (early) someone stole my deer on our front lawn. If you took it on a dare or for a joke, please bring it back no questions asked.

Waterford



by
Rockie
Graham

The weather is
definitely winter-
like now. We have
had . several

snowstorms, ice storms, snow squalls and even some cold, sunny days. And yet, it is not officially winter until the 21st. For this week, they predict we will have cold followed by a warming trend, but not too much more snow until the weekend. We should all have adjusted to it and have our

it is time for me to go. Have a great week.

Andover

by
Melinda Averill

Last week I forgot to include Erich Zurhost when I mentioned kids from Andover who were in the play, "The Twelve Dogs of Christmas." His parents, Craig and Mar, were also cast in it.

Frank White, of East Hartford, Conn., called on his former teacher and her husband, Violet and Robert Swain,

plowing and shoveling down pat, right.

On the 16th, today, Waterford Memorial School will have a Christmas Concert and Volunteer Celebration. It starts at 1:15 p.m. at WMS. Hope all who can make it over to see their children and grandchildren will do so. We will not be able to make it, but I hope others can.

The weather doesn't seem to have hampered people heading to the stores to shop. It is certainly quite busy whenever we go. It almost seems like food shopping has to be done in off hours or at off places. We try to limit our trips to the supermarket but we can't avoid it altogether.

For the person who broke

into the Transfer Station, it is your tax dollars that will have to pay for the repairs, so you didn't accomplish anything. I am sorry people can't make it in during the hours that we are open, but I guess we may have to get a better gate. It just makes our job harder.

Dave has found a new love in feeding the birds. It is great to watch them flocking to the feeders to eat. The other day there must have been close to 30 of them feeding. In the morning, the mourning doves wait in the driveway as if gathering for a feed-in. So far, we have no turkeys. I think Tasha would keep them away. She is on constant squirrel control and would probably chase any turkeys away.

I

am

going to be out this weekend

doing your last-minute shopping for Christmas. I'm pretty certain that I will be. Fun! Fun! Have a nice weekend.

From the

**Western
Mountains Senior
College**

Kali Lightfoot, director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Southern Maine and coordinator of the Maine Senior College Network, and Rebecca Quillan, assistant director, met with board members of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) in Bethel recently and brought fresh ideas from other senior colleges.

WMSC looks ahead to new monthly events in 2005. These plans will be reviewed at a reception in January for members and guests. For more information, contact J. Cressy at 824-0508.

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video, "Barns: Legacy of Wood and Stone," which will highlight one of the exhibits to be opened in August 2005 at the society from the Smithsonian Institution called "Barn Again!"

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Dec. 8 at the Bethel Inn for their dinner and Christmas Party with 35 present. Gifts were exchanged and Joan Cole played several Christmas carols on the piano. The nominating committee, Nancy Mercer, Dorothy Bartlett and Ginny Walker presented the following slate of officers: president, Jane Hosterman; vice-president, Barbara Mahler; treasurer, Colleen Boyd; assistant treasurer, Dorothy Bartlett; secretary, Arlene Lowell; and assistant secretary, Nancy Mercer.

Ginny Walker presented Musa Brown a gift from the club in appreciation for her work with the club.

Next meeting will be Jan. 12 at the Methodist Church at 11 a.m. and will be a potluck dinner. Members will bring a dish to share. Dues are payable at this meeting.

December birthdays: Musa Brown, Bertha Foster, Mary Paine, Sarah Stevens, Edna York and Caroline Gould.

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Harp music by Elissa Lufkin wafted through the Dr. Moses Mason House at the annual "Christmas with the Masons" held on Dec. 2 at the Dr. Moses Mason House attended by a steady flow of visitors. The period house museum was decorated much as it would have been in the early 19th century with fruit, berries and boughs. Hot mulled cider was served from the hearth of the Winter Kitchen and the dining room table was laden with delicious holiday treats. Following the museum experience, a number of visitors adjourned to the Robinson House to see a

Sponsors for this family and community event are still being sought from businesses and individuals. For further information on making a tax-deductible donation for this special time, please call the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910.

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It's Been a Busy Month at our Area Schools!



The students in Mrs. Wight's third grade classroom pair up with Mrs. Sabin's kindergarteners each Tuesday in the Dell Computer Lab. The teams work on sending e-mail and visiting various educational sites on the internet.

All students in grade three at CPS worked very hard to create patriotic holiday cards with messages inside. All the cards will be heading overseas for servicemen and servicewomen serving in Iraq. There were 21 soldiers mentioned in the Lewiston Sun. We also sent cards to Miss Merrill's nephew, Randall Jones, and to our native Bethel man, Ernest Aguilar. (Gabe's fifth grade class also sent letters to Gabe's dad.)



After spending time learning about the First Thanksgiving, the three kindergarten classes at Crescent Park School got together to share a story and a taste of cornbread, popcorn, and drink.

"AND I'D ALSO LIKE ... "Dominique Millett tells Santa about her Christmas wishes at "Breakfast with Santa," held December 4 at the Crescent Park Elementary School. Dominique is a kindergartener at the school.



The First Lego League (FLL) held its state tournament over the weekend at Brewer High school. Thirty-eight teams from around the state competed in the event. Teams had to build robots and get them to complete nine different missions on a field mat that was approximately 8' x 4'. The teams also had to prepare a presentation based on how robotics has and can help handicapped people now and in the future. Three teams from SAD 44 were represented at the tournament. The Andover school sent a team for the third year in a row while the Woodstock and Crescent Park schools sent teams for the first time. The students represented in the picture are from left to right, Jamie Corey, trent Bonney, Jeb Clarke, Leilla Bullard, and Matthew Keane (front). This was the Crescent Park team. The SAD 44 teams all did well and held their own against many middle school teams. The ages that may participate are from 9 through 14. we had a great time and the students felt very good about their accomplishments. The whole project took approximately 10 weeks.

EMERSON AP SCHOLAR

Frank Emerson, a senior at Telstar High School, has earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board. This designation is in recognition of his exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

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Telstar Winter Concert



Parents and friends filled the Helen C. Berry Auditorium Tuesday night for the annual Telstar Winter Concert. Clockwise from top left: Tom Coolidge and the middle school band; Jennifer Bennett and the high school chorus; THS chorus members Kim Lauro and Tonya Hebert.

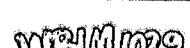
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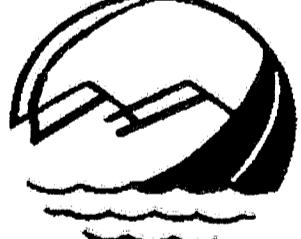


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THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 16, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	WWE SmackDown!		News						
(32) 7th Heaven		Movie: "Milch Alison's The Five People You Meet in Heaven"								
(6) 207 Mag	Seinfeld	The Apprentice								
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Charlie Brown Christmas	life as we know it	PrimeTime Live						
(10) News-Lehrer		Capitol Connection	Antiques Roadshow	Soundmix: Musicians	Charlie Rose					
(22) Movie: "3"			College Basketball: Ohio State at Texas Tech		SportsCenter					
(34) CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	MXC	MXC	Trivia	MXC	MXC				
(13) Ent. Tonight! The Insider	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace		News					
(41) Tailgate	Football	American Poker Champ.	Best Damn Sports Show	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show				
(15) "The Medallion" Cont'd	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines"		Real Sex	Real Sex				
(17) Sister, Sis. So Raven	Movie: "Tarzan"		Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Even	Boy World				
(18) The Order	Movie: "Big Fish"		Movie: "Ghost Ship"		Sapphire					
(20) NESN Retro	NESN Retro	Roughing It	SportsDesk	SportsPlus	ESPN					
(44) Movie: "Eve's Christmas"		Movie: "Stolen Miracle"		The Nanny	Golden					
(5) Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	"Dumb & Dumber"			
(24) Neutron	Oddparents	Rugrats	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.			
(25) "For a Few Dollars More"		Movie: "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"					Movie: "Shenandoah"			
(26) JAG		Law & Order: SVU	Movie: "Billy Madison"				Uncle Buck			
(27) American Justice	Cold Case Files						Crossing Jordan			
(12) Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "Snow White"		WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker				
(39) Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight						

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 17, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Star Trek: Enterprise	Next Top Model	News						
(32) Full House	Full House	Movie: "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club					
(6) 207 Mag	Seinfeld	Movie: "Secret Santa"		Law Order: CI		News				
(8) Fortune	Jeopardy!	8 Rules	Complete	Hope	Less Than	20/20	News			
(10) News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	Maine,	Keeping Up	Time Goes	Summer	Wall	Now With Bill Moyers		
(22) SportsCir.	NBA	NBA Basketball: Denver Nuggets at Miami Heat		NBA Basketball: Suns at Sonics						
(34) CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	True Dads With Bruce Willis		CSI: Crime Scn						
(13) Ent. Tonight! The Insider	Red-Nosed Reindeer	JAG		48 Hours Mystery		News				
(41) Tailgate	NBA Basketball: Utah Jazz at Boston Celtics			Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show				
(15) Inside the NFL	Movie: "FaceOff"			Chris Rock	Real Sex	Last Sam				
(17) Phil	So Raven	Movie: "Inspector Gadget"	Movie: "Inspector Gadget"				Boy World			
(18) "Ghost Ship" Cont'd	Movie: "From Dusk Till Dawn"		Movie: "Intolerable Cruelty"							
(20) NESN Retro	NESN Retro	Roughing It	SportsDesk	SportsPlus	ESPN					
(44) Movie: "Ms. Scrooge"		Movie: "A Very Cool Christmas"		Merge						
(5) Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Movie: "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"		Movie: "The Mask"				
(24) Neutron	Oddparents	Phantom	Robot	SpongeBob	Oddparents	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	
(25) Bonfire-Vanit		Movie: "Adams Family Values"		FilmFakers		Movie Club	The Omen			
(26) Law & Order: SVU	Monk	Monk	Monk			Law & Order: SVU				
(27) Sell House	Sell House	Find & Design	At Home With the Brave	Movie: "Kroll's Christmas"						
(12) Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "A Vow to Cherish"	Becker	WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker				
(39) Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight						

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 18, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	All of Us	Eve	Veronica Mars	News	Red Sox	Star Trek: Enterprise			
(32) "Mr. St. Nick" Cont'd		Movie: "Snow"		Movie: "Snow"						
(6) Main	Seinfeld	Movie: "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"		Law Order: CI		News	Sat. Night			
(3) Fortune	Jeopardy!	Movie: "Remember the Titans"					CSI			
(10) Members' Choice Cont'd		Members' Choice								
(22) Karate	Karate	NFL	NFL Football: Carolina Panthers at Atlanta Falcons				SportsCir.			
(34) Most Amazing Videos	Movie: "Red Scorpion"		MXC	Trivia	WWE Velocity					
(13) News		The Story of Santa Claus	Cold Case	48 Hours Mystery	News	Ent. Tonight				
(41) Tailgate	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers		AHL Hockey: Providence at Hartford							
(15) Movie: "Chasing Liberty"		Boxing: Glen Johnson vs. Antonio Tarver		The Wire						
(17) Phil	So Raven	Movie: "Johnny Tsunami"	Lizzie	Phil	Braceface	Boy World				
(18) "No Mercy" Cont'd	Movie: "Cradle 2 the Grave"		Movie: "Torque"		Lessons					
(20) NESN Retro	NESN Retro	Roughing It	SportsDesk	SportsPlus	ESPN					
(44) GoodFellas	Movie: "1st to Die"				Missing					
(5) Ace Ventura	Movie: "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls"		Movie: "A Night at the Roxbury"							
(24) Lemony	SpongeBob	Grown Up	Romeo!	All That	Amanda	Family Faceoff	Fresh Pr.	Cosby		
(25) She-Ribbot	Movie: "El Dorado"					Movie: "The Sons of Katie Elder"				
(26) Exiled: A Law		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: CI				
(27) City Confidential	Cold Case Files						The First 48			
(12) Funniest Home Videos	Becker	NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Chicago Bulls					WGN News	Feed		
(39) The Capital Gang	CNN Presents	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night	CNN Presents						

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 19, 2004

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30

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Events Calendar • December 16 - January 27

Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses, \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Reservations important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

9 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Thru Dec. 27 — Commons Art Collective 4th annual Group Show and Holiday Sale, Main Street, Norway. Gallery open 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday/Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (also accessible through Fare Share Market 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday).

Thursdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 17 — Positive Parenting sponsored by Community Concepts 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Rumford. FMI: call Melissa Wakefield (364-3721 ext. 3515).

Tuesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 15 — Positive Parenting sponsored by Community Concepts 9:30 to 11 a.m. in South Paris. FMI: call Melissa Wakefield (364-3721 ext. 3515).

2nd Tuesday each month, 6 to 8 p.m. — Spirit Wings Compassionate Healing, 57 Main Street, Bethel. Reiki Shares and Support. Open to all Reiki levels and lineages. FMI: 824-2204.

Thursday, December 16

5 p.m. — Oxford County Democrats Holiday Party at Rumford Eagles Hall. 6 p.m. dinner and program. FMI: 364-7666 or 875-2116.

Saturday, December 18

10 to 12 a.m. — Bethel Bill Koch Cross Country Ski Program meeting at Sunday River Inn sponsored by Bethel Outing Club. Open to youngsters old enough to ski through age 13. It is also free community ski day at the Inn.

Noon to 2 p.m. — Holiday Baking at McLaughlin Foundation, 97 Main Street, South Paris with Lisa Whitley from Café Di Cocoa in Bethel. Take home assortment of holiday treats. Cost: members, \$15, non-members, \$20. To pre-register call 743-8820.

2 and 7 p.m. — Children's Stage Adventures, performed by SAD44 elementary children at Crescent Park School, Bethel. Ticket sales at door.

2 to 4 p.m. — Horse-drawn Wagon Rides by Meadow Creek Farm beginning at Bethel Common.

2 and 7:30 p.m. — Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield, will present "A Country Christmas" by The Don Campbell Band. Tickets: \$12, all seats, available at Northeast Bank, Buckfield or call 336-3306 Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Fridays noon to 5 p.m. Visa and MasterCard accepted. FMI: www.oddfellow.com.

7:30 to 11:30 p.m. — Dance to music by Country Ladds at Emugene Staples Hall, Welchville. Sponsored by Oxford Fire Department and Auxiliary Corp.

Sunday, December 19

2 p.m. — Christmas Caroling to shut-ins and others in North Waterford and Stoneham area. Meet at North Waterford Congregational Church. Potluck follows at 5 p.m.

2 p.m. — Voices for Christ, combined choir from several churches will present a Christmas cantata, "Emmanuel—Celebrating Heaven's Child," at Dixfield Congregational Church, High Street, Dixfield.

4 p.m. — Christmas Cantata, "A Glorious Christmas," at Locke Mills Union Church sung by a choir from area churches. Refreshments and fellowship following. Everyone welcome. FMI: 674-2259.

6 p.m. — Voices for Christ, combined choir from several churches will present a Christmas cantata, "Emmanuel — Celebrating Heaven's Child," at East Sumner Congregational Church, Route 219.

Monday, December 20

7 p.m. — Public Hearing at Newry Town Office for discussion of Oxford County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan.

Tuesday, December 21

11:30 a.m. — Christian Women United luncheon/meeting at First Congregational Church, South Paris. Those not contacted, please call Pearl Anderson at 743-5724 for reservation.

Friday, December 24

5 p.m. — Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at North Waterford Congregational Church.

Monday, December 27

7 p.m. — Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co. will be presented by The Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at the Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort, Newry. Tickets: \$4/\$6 kids (6-12), \$6/\$8 adults. FMI: 824-3575.

Friday, December 31

New Year's Bethel. Entertainers, a vesper service, children's crafts, dragon parade, horse-drawn wagon rides, food court, bonfire with marshmallows, fireworks and community bell ringing. Tickets available at Bethel Historical Society Museum Shop, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bethel Citizen, Maine Line Products (Locke Mills), and the Newry Town Office. Advance tickets: \$10 adults and \$8 children (ages 6-18); at door: \$12 adults and \$10 children. FMI: 824-2908.

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AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Closed Women's Speaker/Discussion Meeting, Tuesdays at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Step Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church.

Big Book, People Who Need People Group, Open reading discussion. Wednesdays, from 6-7pm at the Bethel Alliance Church, Route 26 (entrance in rear).

Al-Anon Meeting Mondays at 8pm at the Oxford Advent Christian Church (use the north side entrance of the church).

ALCOHOL/DRUG TREATMENT
Community Concepts' Alcohol & Drug Counseling Program is now accepting appointments in Bethel every Thursday and Friday. MaineCare are welcome. DEEP certified. Call 364-3721 for appointment. Community Concepts is a non-profit organization with a mission to "help people build opportunities for a better tomorrow."

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris, and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 695-2226 to learn more details.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30pm; Thursday 6-8pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9am-1pm; Tuesday, 1-5pm; Wednesday 1-8pm; Thursday & Friday 1-5pm; Saturday, 9-1pm. Story Hour Mondays, 10:11am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Crescent Park Elementary School: Open every Wednesday evening from 6-8pm to the public.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening 7-9pm. Tel: 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5pm; Thursday 1:30-7pm.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5pm; Wednesday 1:30-7pm; Friday 1:30-5pm. 674-2004

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Upton Library: Saturdays 9-11am



CATCH SOME BIG AIR AT SUNDAY RIVER SKI RESORT

Sunday River Ski Resort will present Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co. on Monday, December 27 as the Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series bursts into its new season. If you thought the only place you could get some big air was on the ski slopes, you were mistaken! Come enjoy the comedic antics of the Inflatable Theater Company and laugh at inflation. Show time is 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Summit Resort Hotel at Sunday River. Tickets for this family event is \$4 for children (12 and under) and adults \$6 in advance or \$6 and \$8 at the door. Admission for children under five is free. Tickets may be purchased on-mountain at the South Ridge Lodging Check-in, the Snow Cap Inn, the Grand Summit Resort Hotel or at Books & Things in Bethel. For more information please call (207) 824-3575.

7 p.m. — Open Mic Night at First Universalist Church, Main Street, Norway

hosted by Heather Pierson. Come for more holiday cheer and ring in the New Year. Sign-up for performers begins at 6:30 p.m., Admission: \$3. Refreshments available. Performers of all ages encouraged to bring and share songs, stories, comedy, dance and poetry. FMI: contact Heather at 935-4505 or e-mail vessel@prexar.com.

8:30 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. — New Year's Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall with music by Richard Felt Orchestra. Noisemakers and hats. Tickets: \$8.50 per person. Proceeds benefit Greenwood Historical Society. Come and enjoy.

2 p.m. — Tom Dean, folk/rock singer/guitarist and Tom Yoder on mandolin and fiddle will perform at St. Kieran

Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$10 at door. FMI or membership information: (603) 752-1028.

Wednesday, January 12

11 a.m. — Bethel Senior Citizens Club will meet at Bethel Methodist Church for a potluck dinner. Members will bring dish to share. Dues payable at this meeting.

Friday, January 14

7 to 8 p.m. — "The Journey Through Depression" with Janet Willie. Bridges to Health and Healing free lecture at Crescent Park School cafeteria. FMI: e-mail Gary at bahvets@megalink.net.

Thursday, January 27

Oxford County Democratic Committee meeting at the Norway Town Office meeting room. Election of officers and revised bylaws on agenda.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Pastor Eddie Gammion. Bible Study 6:30 Wednesdays at the church.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Pastor Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 a.m. followed by coffee fellowship. Tuesday - Sunday School 3:45-15. All are welcome. FMI: 922-2361.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor John O'Keefe. Morning worship at 10:30, Sunday School, 9:30. Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:30 p.m., Route 5. S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Pastor Kevin Bellinger (824-2289). 10 am. worship. Sunday School at 9 am. Kidz Klub and Youth Group at 5:30pm. Evening Service (will resume in January) at 6 pm. on Sundays. Prayer fellowship 7 pm. on Wednesdays.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mack, 9:30 am. Sunday School (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7283 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickerman. 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows - Mass - Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Gerald A. Levesque. 743-2606

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross. Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. There is also an adult study group during Sunday School.

West Bethel Union - a.m. worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-2044 or 836-2882. Rev. Earl H. Bell.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Don Steffen. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. Awana Clubs. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913. December service will be on the 19th at 3:30pm.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill, 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee hour will follow the service.

Fellowship lunch will be held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship, (Sept. - June) Rev. Joy Gasta.

Second Sunday School, 10 a.m. Second Sunday.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 693-466-2851.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison, Maine. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. Church school 9:30. Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:30 p.m., Route 5. S. Andover. 922-1121.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Rev. Frank Haines Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beekel 364-5881.

NEWRY

Newry Community Church - Sunday worship service 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April).

NORWAY/PARIS

Christian Science Society - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info or ride.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - Route 117N, S. Paris. Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Rippley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 743-6782 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anna Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill, 10:30 a.m. worship service

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adelphia, Pa.; Owen and Sue Wight, Newry; Ruth Wight, Bethel; Willard and Sylvia Wight, Newry; John Wiley, Hopewell, N.Y.; Priscilla Wiley, Woodbury, Conn.; Ronald Willard, Springfield, Va.; Eleanor Wilson, Bryant Pond, Raymond and Evelyn York, Fayetteville, N.C.; Archie and Jane Young, Bethel.

Robinson House: In May 1998, the society acquired the historic former Elms property for operations as an addition to its facilities. Named for the original owner of the house, O'Neil Robinson (1797-1867) and adjacent to the headquarters for the last twenty five years, the Dr. Moses Mason House, the building became known officially as the Robinson House. Once renovations are completed, critically needed space for exhibits, expanded museum shop and craft operations, more adequate research room and collection storage as well as an education room for all ages would be among the results of this expansion. This project also includes an endowment phase, which when completed would also allow the society to support more comprehensively its Regional History Center with programming, conferences, publications, exhibits, lectures, etc. relating to Northern New England.

Contributions are welcomed to make all this happen and may be made in a number of ways through cash, securities, stock, etc. For further information, please call the society at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or write to P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217-0012 or e-mail (history@bdc.bethel.me.us).

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TOP ANGLER—Andover native Warren Palmer earned a berth to the 2005 All-American BFL Lake Wheeler Regional at Joe Wheeler State Park in Rogersville, Ky. Palmer, who fishes with the Stokley's Marine/Nitro Boats fishing team, competed with top anglers from four divisions in October's BFL regional tournament. The top six anglers, including Palmer, advance to the pinnacle of Bass Tournament Fishing competition, The All-American. The top 30 anglers from the Mountain, LBL, Shenandoah and Bulldog divisions comprised the Wheeler Lake Regional Field. Palmer placed fifth in the three-day tournament with a total weight of over 13 pounds. He caught the majority of his fish using top water, jig and Carolina rig techniques. He traveled 65 miles on the water, in the rain, to his first fishing spot on the last day of the tournament. All-American qualifiers from the Wheeler Lake Regional will join competitors that advance from the five other regional tournaments plus the Chevy Truck Wild Card tournament for an All-American Tournament field of 48 anglers.

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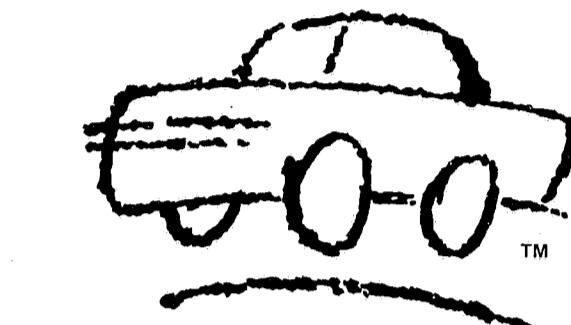
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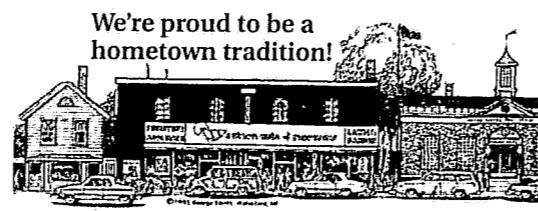
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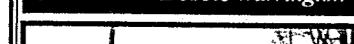
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Stonework setting from this unique home located along the banks of the Androscoggin. 4.5 acres. Upper level offers three bedrooms, fireplace, deck overlooking the river. Lower level offers two bdrm, bath, laundry room and for the hot tub. Two bay garage with additional covered storage area. This property has too many amenities to list. A must see. Priced at \$460,000

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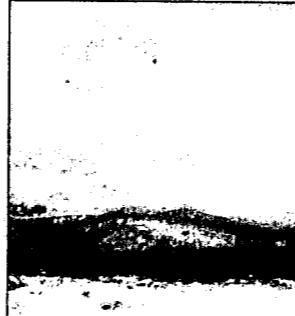


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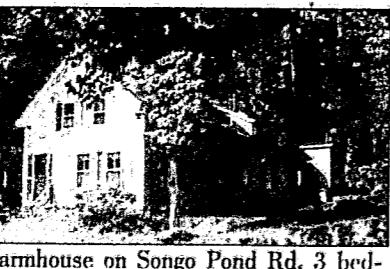
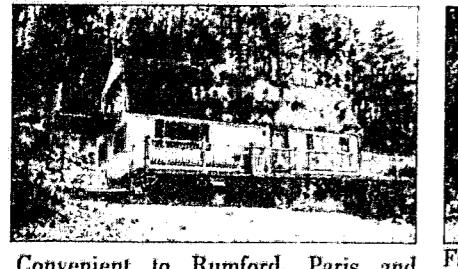
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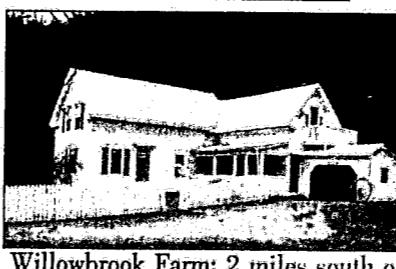
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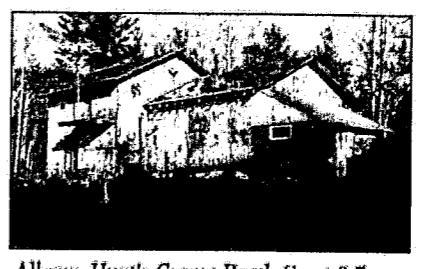
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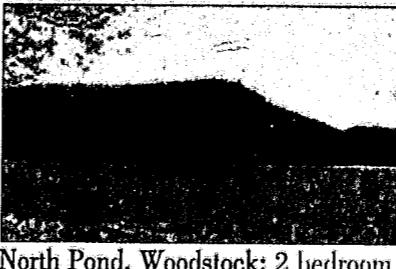
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- 2 Bdrm on North Pond \$750 w/heat
- 3 Bdrm furnished \$1,000 w/utilities



Willowbrook Farm: 2 miles south of Bethel: tastefully restored, wide pine floors, spacious living areas, charming and inviting kitchen, easy access to ski areas, elevated walking trail, convenient to schools, shopping, area events. \$159,000



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North Pond, Woodstock: 2 bedroom mobile home with 120 feet of water frontage. Home is in immaculate condition, well maintained, also near ski resorts. \$153,900

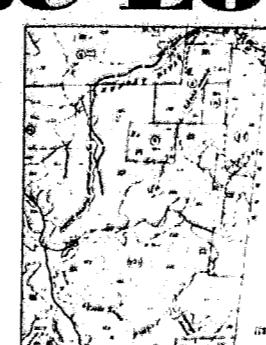


One week time share week #7 at the Bethel Inn. Unit is right off the golf course and close to the heated outdoor pool, exercise room, and sauna. Short drive to either Sunday River or Mt. Abrams. Being in the village of Bethel there is a variety of restaurants to choose from and entertainment. Offered @ \$15,500

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Lot 5	10.51 acres	\$99,900
Lot 6	1.75 acres	\$89,900
Lot 7	7.93 Acres	\$89,900
Lot 8	5.00 Acres	\$89,900
Lot 9	5.01 Acres	\$89,900
Lot 10	8.17 Acres	\$159,900
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14+/- Acres	French Hill Rd.	\$27,000
11+/- Acres	Albany	\$24,900
57+/- Acres	French Hill Rd.	\$164,000
30 +/- Acres	West Bethel	\$159,000
7.1+/- Acres	Albany	development potential
10.5+/- Acres	Albany	development potential

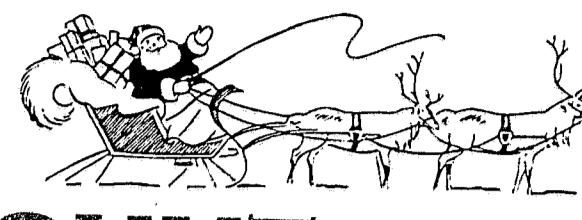
Lot 1	2.26 Acres	PENDING
Lot 2	4.18 Acres	\$101,900
Lot 3	3.66 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 4	2.20 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 5	2.25 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 6	2.14 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 7	2.05 Acres	\$79,900
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Lot 9	1.96 Acres	\$79,900
Lot 10	1.57 Acres	\$89,900
Lot 11	1.96 Acres	\$89,900
Lot 12	1.81 Acres	\$89,900
Lot 13	1.83 Acres	\$89,900

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- Cathedral Ceilings
- Open Floor Plan
- 9.25 +/- Acres
- 2 Car Garage

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HOWE HILL ROAD, GREENWOOD \$39,900

- 1.6 +/- Acres
- Lot is En Route to Mt Abram
- Installed Septic is Designed For Up To 10 Bedroom Unit
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Sandy River, Skarka: Build your own private beach, 1600 ft. on the Sandy River and a beautifully remodeled 5BR, 3 Bath farm house. New dormers, new clipboards & paint, new roof shingles, all new windows, new plumbing, new furnace, new 72 ft. farmer's porch and much, much, much more! All this on 49 acres with large well-maintained barn, silo, detached garage and pond. \$285,000. AS IS!

ON 2 ACRES EN ROUTE TO SKI AREAS: 3BR cape w/2-car garage, stone & wood floors & situated on a quiet road. Only 15 minutes to Mt. Abram Skiway or 25 minutes to Sunday River! Lots of room on 2 level acres and detached barn ideal for livestock. Come and take a tour of this house! More photos on our website at www.fourseasonsrealtyme.com. \$139,900

Paradise Rd, Bethel: Bethel's premier neighborhood welcomes this new 2-story, 3BR colonial w/farmers porch. Walk to the golf course or to Main St. shopping and enjoy being only a few steps from the new Bethel Inn. Come and take a tour of this house! More photos on our website at www.fourseasonsrealtyme.com. \$284,000

Whisper Hill Rd, Bryant Pond: 33 beautiful acres with mountain and lake views and at the end of the road, a quiet setting. This 3BR contemporary is a perfect ski house as it's close to Mt. Abram and Sunday River Ski Areas, or it would make a wonderful year-round dwelling. Paved driveway and a wooded lot with a deck and a porch overlooking the lake & river adventures. Still time to pick out trim & colors and to add your personal touch to the layout! \$149,000

Bird Hill, Bethel: Enjoy views of the mountains as you sit on the balcony of this 3BR contemporary. This is a perfect ski house as it's close to Mt. Abram and Sunday River Ski Areas, or it would make a wonderful year-round dwelling. Paved driveway and a wooded lot with a deck and a porch overlooking the lake & river adventures. Still time to pick out trim & colors and to add your personal touch to the layout! \$149,000

Fleming Rd, Woodstock: New Lincoln Log home on one acre in a small private neighborhood, only 1/2 mi. from Bethel's center. Positioned on the water, this home has everything you'll need for a wonderful year-round or vacation home. The property has a large deck overlooking the brook, a porch and deck overlooking the brook, this new house has everything to make it your next home. Only \$189,900

Washburn Pond Rd, Woodstock: Nice little hunting camp in the perfect location with three acres of acres of forest behind! Very close to the brook, the pond and the water. The property has a large deck overlooking the brook, a porch and deck overlooking the brook, this new house has everything to make it your next home. Only \$149,900

Howe Hill Rd, Greenwood: Wonderful farmhouse with a 2nd barn and a large porch on Alder Brook. Lots of room for a large family or family, 6 BRs, spacious living and dining rooms, new carpet, and in-lawn deck. The location just needs the right person to finish putting it all together. The wood-burning heater will keep you toasty, warm after a long day of hunting or snowmobiling. Don't let this one pass you by! \$149,900

BIRCH RD, GREENWOOD: One bedroom condo located at Mt. Abram Ski Area! This is a nice building lot not only for the proximity to the lodges, but also for the short drive to Bethel Village for dining, shopping, and entertainment. Why rent for the ski season when you can own? This is a full ownership offering, NOT a quarter-share nor time-share! Call today as this opportunity won't last long! \$72,900

LAND
VERNON ST, BETHEL: This large building lot is over an acre-and-a-half in a very nice small subdivision just outside of Bethel Village. Close to dining, shopping, ski areas, mountains, lakes, golf course, and so much more. In addition, this convenient subdivision is nicely wooded for privacy!

JUST REDUCED TO \$39,000!!
HOWE HILL RD, GREENWOOD: Building lot with over 200' of road frontage on the road to Mt. Abram Ski Area! Not too far from Greenwood's many lakes and ponds, and also only minutes from Sunday River's slopes, this is the perfect spot to build your primary or secondary home. \$29,000

BIRCH WOODS, BETHEL: Location of this new 31 lot subdivision is second-to-none! Positioned between the village of Bethel, 2 miles east, and Sunday River Ski Resort, four miles west, all the amenities of the area are at your fingertips! Shop or golf in town, kayak on the Androscoggin River, ski on the slopes of Sunday River or Mt. Abram, or head six miles east to the lakes and ponds just off Rte. 26. Extremely well-planned and spacious lot placement plus beautiful woods topography make this a superior choice for your year-round or seasonal new home. \$65,900 and up

INDIAN POINT, GREENWOOD: Large parcel of land with over 1150' of water frontage on Indian Pond! With 86 sub dividable acres overlooking the pond, great fishing, canoeing, & hiking right at your fingertips, this land has huge potential as an investment property! Call for a showing.

HOWE HILL RD, GREENWOOD: Two acre lot just off Westside Lodge at Mt. Abram Ski Area! This is a nice building lot not only for the proximity to the lodges, but also for the short drive to Bethel Village for dining, shopping, and entertainment. If you prefer a bigger ski resort, Sunday River is only minutes away. \$79,900

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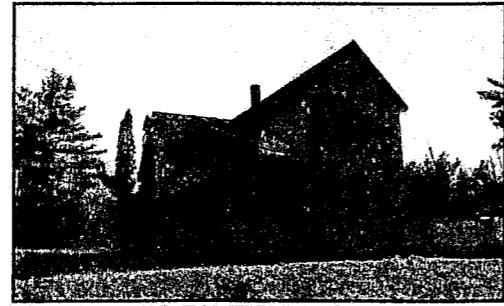
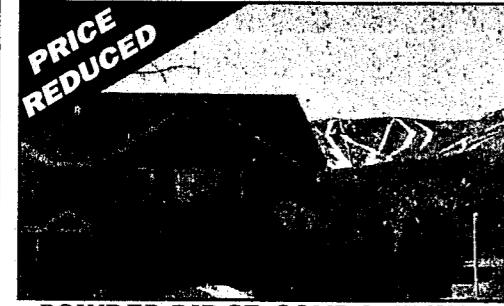
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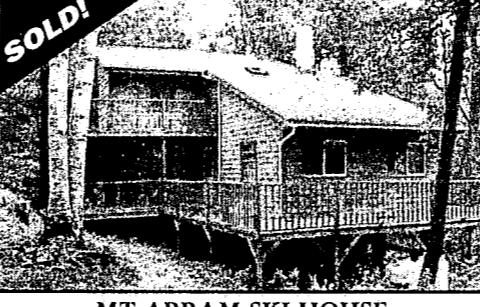
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Obituaries

MARY A. VAUGHN

Mary Abigail Vaughn, 85, of Auburn Road, Peru, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004 at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, with her family at her side.

She was born in Rumford Center Jan. 2, 1919, a daughter of George G. and Fannie W. Colcord Dolloff.

She attended grammar school in Rumford Center, and was a graduate of Stephens High School in 1937.

She married Alvin D. Vaughn on Sept. 22, 1939, in Canton.

She was the Star Route Mail Carrier from Rumford to Andover for many years.

She was a member of the Rumford Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

She is survived by two sons, Ronello A. Vaughn and his wife Sandra of Newport News, Va., and Gary W. Vaughn and his wife Jean of Waterville; a daughter, Nancy L. Vaughn of Peru; a sister-in-law, Marlene Dolloff of South Rumford; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, Allan Vaughn, in 1955; four sisters, Suzanna Farrah, Marguerite Perry, Katherine Robinson, and Elsie Oldham; and six brothers, Edmund, Eldon, Oscar, Josiah, Chester, and Ronello.

A memorial service was held at S.G. Thibault Funeral Home, Rumford on Monday,

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CHRISTMAS WITHOUT YOU
by Marilyn Ferguson

The lights are blinking merrily
The tinsel is on the tree
It sits there in the window
For all the world to see.

The house is filled with holly
And pinecone scents the air
The Christmas cards keep coming
Each one is hung with care.

The gifts are tied with ribbons red
And topped with pretty bows
I'm done with all the details
As far as Christmas goes.

The fire is softly glowing
I think about your touch
But Christmas isn't Christmas
I miss you oh, so much.

If I could have just anything
My Christmas wish would be
To wake up in the morning
And find you here with me.

I remember our Christmas's past
The joy and love we shared
Moonlit walks and midnight talks
And ways you showed you cared.

Staring at your picture
I long to be set free
Tonight the tears are streaming
As I hold it next to me.

Flakes of snow swirl through the air
I'm braced for stormy weather
I wait for brighter days ahead
When we can be together.

So hold a place in heaven dear
Someday when life is through
I'll be the Christmas angel
Who shares this day with you.

Lovingly, Carol

Dec. 13. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of New York Inc., 25 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201-2483. Relatives and friends may pay tribute at www.mem.com



JESSIE M. FAIRBANKS

Jessie McKellick Fairbanks, 84, of Norway, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2004 surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

She was born in Andover July 22, 1920, the daughter of the late Alton and Edith Morton Brooks. She was one of three daughters.

She was married in 1940 to Ernest McKellick. They lived in Rumford and Mt. Dora, Fla., until his death in 1976. She moved to Bethel in 1979 to be near family.

In 1983 she married Mervin "Buster" Fairbanks of Dixfield.

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In Loving Memory
of my youngest son
Curt Alan Martin

Although you're in your new home with God above, I think of you each day and send you all my love.

Lovingly Remembered,
Mom Martin

Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who sent us so many lovely cards and expressed their condolences after the loss of my mother, Florence Watson.

Sincerely,
Hazel & Irving Cole

Card of Thanks

The family of Diddy Johnson expresses sincere thanks for the outpouring of cards, flowers, food, expressions of sympathy and contributions to the church in her memory. She had loved her small town and we will always remember the community's response to our loss, and the wonderful shared stories and memories.

Jeff & Doreen
Betsy & Damian
Jim, Jamie & Dan
Alex

her family. She was known by her family and friends for her sense of humor, generosity and warm smile. Her positive attitude never wavered, even under the worst of times. She was loved by all.

She was a loyal Red Sox fan and never missed watching a game on TV.

She is survived by two children, a daughter, Judy Kersey and her husband Tim of Bethel and The Villages, Fla., and a son, Alton McKellick and his wife Nancy of South Paris; a sister, Alta Sturgis of South Portland; three grandsons; a granddaughter; six great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a sister, Margurite Brooks; and a great-grandson, Nicholas Kersey.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Catherine of Sienna Church, Norway. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 308, Norway, ME 04268.

THOMAS H. MCKELVEY

Thomas H. McKelvey, 54, of 366 Madison Avenue, Berlin, N.H., passed away on Thursday evening, Dec. 9, 2004 at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin.

He was born in Berlin on Jan. 14, 1950, the son of Harold and Loretta (White) McKelvey and was a lifelong resident of the area. He attended St. Patrick School, was a graduate of Berlin High School and a graduate of the New Hampshire Vocational Technical Institute. He was self-employed as an equipment operator for many years.

Mr. McKelvey was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sons of the American Legion Post 36 in Berlin, and a member of St. Kieran Church, now known as Good Shepherd Parish. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Members of his family include his former wife, Carmen (Losier) McKelvey-Mason

of West Milan, N.H.; uncles; aunts, including Margaret Martel of Laconia, N.H.; several cousins; and four nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; and a brother, Dennis.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Chapel of the Bryant Funeral Home, Berlin, N.H. Interment was at Wheeler Cemetery, Shelburne, N.H. Anyone who wishes may make a donation in his memory to the Androscoggin Valley Hospital, 59 Page Hill Road, Berlin, N.H. 03570.



DONNA L. GRAY

Donna J. Gray, 56, of North Vassalboro, died unexpectedly Dec. 9, 2004, at Maine General Medical Center, Thayer Unit, Waterville.

She was born on Jan. 4, 1948 in Norway, the daughter of Ervil and Ruth (Bennett) Curtis. She graduated from Skowhegan High School in 1968. She married her husband, Laurence Gray, in July of 1983.

Donna was a very proud grandmother. She loved to spend time with her two grandchildren and always had a picture of them to show whoever she saw. Her family was very important to her.

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Donna also loved lighthouses; she had been collecting lighthouse items to decorate her house. She also enjoyed taking trips with her husband.

Donna had worked for various shoe manufactures over the years and had been recently employed by Kirschner's of Augusta for 11 years prior to the plant's closure.

She is survived by her mother, Ruth Curtis of Skowhegan; her loving husband, Laurence E. Gray of North Vassalboro; one daughter, Jennifer Ward and her husband Brian; two grandchildren; two brothers, Henry Curtis and Arthur Curtis of Skowhegan; two sisters, Linda Westleigh of West Bethel and Nadine Hughes of Poland; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father, Ervil Linley Curtis Jr.

A graveside funeral service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 1 p.m. at the Methodist Cemetery on the Bog Road in East Vassalboro, with the Rev. Virginia "Ginny" Rimm officiating. In lieu of flowers the family ask that memorial contributions in Donna's name be made to The American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720.

Card of Thanks

We wish we could thank each of you personally, for the tremendous out-pouring of love, kindness, and sympathy that was extended to our family over the last few months.

To everyone that sent flowers, food, sympathy cards, and funds, we thank you. The generosity has been overwhelming.

Thanks to the town office, road crews, fire departments, teachers, students and all others that have helped.

A special thank you to all family and close friends, your on-going support will never be forgotten.

Births

Amy Hill of Norway is pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Mekhi Scott-Adam Hill, born on Nov. 12, 2004, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Shari and Stanley Herrick of West Paris. Great-grandparents are Linda Smith of South Paris and Steve Hill of Norway. Great-great-grandmother is Cora Payne of South Paris.

Mekhi joins her sister, Tiesha Hill, age 5 1/2, and brother, Jamal Hill, age 4.

Michelle DeJulio of Bethel and David Huard of Vassalboro announce the birth of a son, Briar Joseph-DeJulio Huard, born at Mercy Hospital, Portland, on Nov. 4, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Debbie Martin of Bethel and Mike DeJulio of Cape Elizabeth.

Paternal grandparents are Bonnie and Dave Huard of Vassalboro.

Great-grandparents are Nora Gidney of Vassalboro, Joy Nelson of Auburn and Patty and Francis Dooen of Bethel.

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